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SUBJECT:CONTACTS BETWEEN LABOR PARTY AND FRENCH SOCIALISTS

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1. REFTTEL PROVIDES INTERESTING INSIGHT INTO APPARENTLY
RATHER LIMITED NATURE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN FRENCH SOCIALIST
PARTY AND UK LABOR PARTY LEADERS. EARLIER REPORTING FROM
BONN INDICATED THAT FRENCH SOCIALIST CONTACTS WITH THE SPD
ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED. WE BELIEVE THAT
THE SORT OF BILATERAL PARTY-TO-PARTY CONTACTS WHICH SEEM TO
HAVE TENTATIVELY BEGUN WITH LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, AND
ARE UNDER WAY WITH THE SPD, CAN SERVE A VERY USEFUL PURPOSE
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IN INTRODUCING FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADERS TO THE REALITIES AND
CONSTRAINTS INHERENT IN GOVERNING A MODERN MAJOR WEST EURO-
PEAN NATION.

2. IN CONTACTS WITH LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, EMBASSY
SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATE OF PARTY
RELATIONS WITH THE FRENCH SOCIALISTS, AND INDICATE ON A

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